Forged testimonial—Officer of the Educational Department

601. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any officer in the Educational Department sent to the Government along with applications for appointment forged testimonials. If so, who was the officer and whose signature was forged. What action was taken in the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes; Mr. P. G. Subramania Ayyar, Teacher, High School, Kandassankadavu. The signature of Sir T. Vijayaraghava Charya. The officer has been since placed under suspension until further orders.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is any inquiry conducted about this?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—An enquiry was conducted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—By the Police or the Director of Education?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was conducted by the Director.

Sirkar Primary schools held in private buildings.

602. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Sirkar Primary schools now held in buildings not belonging to Government;

(b) the rent that is being paid for those buildings;

(c) the cost of constructing a Primary School for the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) 44.

(b) Please see the list appended (*Appendix IV*).

(c) The cost will depend upon the accommodation required in each case.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) A school of normal size providing one class, how much will it cost—first, second, third and fourth section each one division?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Somewhere below Rs. 4,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government any idea of taking up the management of aided schools in the State?

President.—I do not think that question arises.

Population—Koonamuchi Bazaar.

603. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the population of the Koonamuchi Bazaar under the jurisdiction of the Choondal Group Panchayat?

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